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CAIRO TRAIN OUTRAGE WAS ACT OF REVENGE

War For This Year Forecast

Copenhagen, Feb. 29.—M. Age Toldnaes, a Dane who claims to be able to foretell the future, told a newspaper here that two big countries would be involved in another war this year.

A third country would start it, he said. He claimed that Marshal Stalin was against another war, but that the other great powers were working towards one.

M. Toldnaes said he had looked into the future and had seen men in foreign costumes carrying knives turned forward.—Reuter.

Heavy Water Bootleggers Arrested

Munich, Feb. 29.—Eleven men have been arrested on charges of "bootlegging" heavy water—used in atomic experiments, it was disclosed yesterday.

Identity of the arrested men—some of whom were non-Germans—was kept secret. The authorities said this was because "further developments" are expected.

U.S. public safety officers confirmed that German police had smashed a ring of operators.

American authorities are taking an interest on the grounds that the revelation of heavy water to atomic energy lifts the case out of the local German category.

German police said that eight aluminium flasks of the precious liquid were salvaged from Norway in spite of the British wartime commando raids which smashed German testing equipment there.

BURIED IN GARDEN

They told this story:

The flasks were brought to Munich University in 1945. A science professor buried them in his garden. He was killed by a shell a few days later.

The professor's wife remembered the flask two years later and last year made a deal to sell each flask for 40,000 marks (£1,000).

A Yugo-Slav contact man turned a sample over to a Spanish chemist. He found the liquid to be genuine.

Recently, the German criminal police stumbled on the activities of the ring and one investigator posed as an interested Swiss. When the deal was made the operators were arrested.—Associated Press.

Kashmir Raiders Repulsed

London, Feb. 29.—Fifty-nine raiders were killed when an Indian Army patrol made several bayonet charges in a night attack near Nausheria, Kashmir, New Delhi Radio reported.

The raiders were driven off and several machine gun posts were destroyed, the Radio added.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Communism's Threat

THE swift Communist coup in Czechoslovakia (manifestly inspired and directed by Moscow) followed by the thinnest of thinly veiled ultimatums to Finland are positive signs that Russia is preparing for a final break with her democratic wartime allies and that she intends to dominate as much of Europe as she can before the next shooting match begins. Stalin has personally indicated to the Finns that they would be well advised to enter into a defensive alliance with the Soviets, and the meaning of such a note cannot be mistaken. The alliance will be the prelude to another political putsch which will see the Finnish Communist party, at present in a hopeless minority, become rulers of the State. Nor does there appear to be any way of preventing such a coup if it can be anticipated that if the Finnish people attempted to resist the political moves now being planned by Finland's Communists and Moscow, Stalin would regard this as sufficient reason for undiluted interference in the shape of armed coercion. That might be risky, but on general appearance no more so than when Hitler indulged in similar tactics with Austria, Memel and Czechoslovakia. The Communists have proved themselves expert in the art of political divide and rule and everything points to Finland being the next victim of this technique. But a more crucial

28 British Soldiers Killed

Jerusalem, Feb. 29.—Three mines exploded with terrific impact today under three railway sleepers, ears crowded with British soldiers, killing 28 of them and injuring 33 others.

British authorities blamed Jews, and the Jewish underground Stern Gang said it had blown up the train in retaliation for the Jerusalem bombing which killed 54 Jews last Sunday.

"This is our answer for last Sunday's Ben Yehuda Street crime," Sternist announcement declared. Jews have blamed the British for the Jerusalem bombing despite British denials and Arab claims of responsibility for it.

The three railway sleepers were on the Cairo Express north-bound from Cairo to Haifa. The blast occurred a mile and a half north of Rehovot, a Jewish citrus belt town 15 miles southeast of the Jewish coastal city of Tel-Aviv.

An Army spokesman said electrically detonated mines shattered the wooden cars, which were jammed with soldiers returning from leave in Cairo.

AGONISED CRIES

Splintered wood and twisted girders from the demolished coaches splattered over nearby orange groves. The agonised cries of the dying and wounded rent the air in that isolated section of the coastal plain.

The track rails were twisted grotesquely and were tangled in the debris of the train itself.

Ambulances converged on the scene over sniper infested roads between Arab and Jewish towns.

The Army spokesman said four mines were planted but one failed to go off. The other three were so placed that they went off directly underneath each of the three coaches.

Lieutenant General G. H. MacLennan, Commander of British forces in Palestine, reported from the blast in Tel-Aviv that the toll would have been "50 or more" if the fourth mine had detonated.

Sappers who dismantled the 100-dud mine said it contained 100 pounds of ammonium explosive, and was connected by a 40 yard wire to a plunger.

The Cairo Express has been a target for attack three times before. The day also brought deaths and violence to other parts of Palestine.

Unofficial Jewish sources in Tel-Aviv said six Jews were killed when a reconnaissance party of the Haganah army was ambushed in the village of Salame near Tel-Aviv. The bodies were recovered by British police.

BRITISH WARNING

The outrage occurred as a military headquarters proclamation issued here warned the population of Jerusalem that the British Army is prepared to use "weapons more powerful than those available to the Arabs or the Jews" to stop the Arab-Jewish fighting in the city.

"In encounters of this kind where it is impossible to decide which side is the aggressor, the Army will therefore use its weapons impartially against whichever side is firing."

"The object will be to stop the fighting at once with a minimum loss of life. This is an impartial warning to both sides. The only way to avoid clashes with the Army and the casualties, which must necessarily result, is by not participating in any battles in the Jerusalem area as the Army will now intervene at every opportunity," the proclamation concluded.

A delayed action barrel bomb, rolled from an Arab lorry, blew up a Jewish house at Beit Dajan, southeast of Jaffa, last night, injuring one Jew, it was officially reported.

The police forced them back and announced that the meeting must be closed.

Five men will appear before the magistrates tomorrow.—Reuter.

PWD HOLD-UP

Armed Jews, today took over at pistol point the office of the Palestine Government Public Works Department in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem and occupied the building for four hours.

The office, which is in the Street of the Prophets, was thoroughly searched while the staff was lined up against the walls with their hands raised.

They left after taking possession of documents, explosives, surveying instruments and some motorcycles, to a total value of £10,000.

While the raid was in progress, armed Jews, described as Irgun Zvai Leumi members, kept guard in the courtyard and patrolled the streets outside.

A Jewish illegal immigrant ship, the "Builders and Fighters" with about 1,000 illegal immigrants on board, has been boarded off the Palestine coast by units of the Royal Navy and is now steaming under escort to Haifa.

The ship was reported yesterday to have been intercepted by the Royal Navy after being spotted by British patrolling aircraft.—Reuter.

SHells AGAINST SNIPERS

Jerusalem, Feb. 29.—Two-pounder shells were fired in Jerusalem tonight by the British Army to silence Jewish snipers—the first time the British have used weapons of this calibre inside the city.—Reuter.

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Milton Reynolds Sets Out To Find A Mountain

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Millionaire pen manufacturer Milton Reynolds, set out today to see if he can find mountain higher than 29,000 feet Mount Everest.

With a small group of scientists and his plane crew, Reynolds took off from Municipal airport on the first leg of a flight to China.

The group, in a specially equipped four-engined C-87 named the Explorer, planned to land tonight at Palm Springs, Calif. Reynolds said he expected to start the over-water part of the flight from San Francisco on Tuesday after a final check of plane and equipment. The itinerary includes Honolulu, Manila, Okinawa, Tokyo and Shanghai. The expedition plans to map and measure the Amne Machin mountains of Tsinghai province in Northwestern China.

Reynolds said he believes the range has several of the highest peaks in the world, but it has never been explored thoroughly because it is virtually inaccessible.—Associated Press.

Stabilisation Loan For China Unlikely

ATTITUDE OF U.S. OFFICIALS

Washington, Feb. 29.—Informed consensus here is that there is virtually no possibility of the Chinese Government securing any currency stabilisation loan in the foreseeable future.

Despite the increasing Republican clamour for aid to China beyond the \$570,000,000 commodity and reconstruction programme under Congressional consideration, well informed sources in close touch with all aspects of the situation said they were certain in a final analysis that no source here would be willing to take the responsibility for such a loan at present.

It is understood that most Administration officials believe that the current Republican demands for larger scale aid to China such as those being advanced by Senators Robert Taft and Styles Bridges are designed for political effect rather than stemming from any basic intention to attempt to secure more money for the Nanking government.

MUST STRIKE BALANCE

The consensus amongst informed officials is that any Administration attempt to get Congress to vote a stabilisation loan on top of the \$570,000,000 commodity and reconstruction grant probably would result in defeat for both plans.

The official consensus here is that all efforts to stabilise the Chinese currency through foreign loans or other "external mechanism" would prove of no avail until the Nanking government is able to bring its expenditures and tax receipts into something approximating balance.

Meanwhile, experts pointed out that the only two possible sources outside of Congress for any Chinese stabilisation loan are the Export-Import Bank and the World Bank, both of which already have ruled themselves out of the picture.

Export-Import Bank officials decided flatly against the possibility of making any such loan, firstly, because they think it would be useless under the present economic conditions in China and, secondly because they interpret the Bank's charter as prohibiting that type of loan.

The Bank cannot make a stabilisation loan to China because that country has been unable to maintain any definite par value of its currency which is one of the prerequisites to the international bank advancing stabilisation funds.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

It is considered possible that demands by Republican Congressmen might result in some addition to the military equipment assistance and the issuance of directives which would permit the American military mission in China to operate closer to field level.

However, it is expected that the Administration may soon attempt to show the full scale of its military equipment provided the Chinese under surplus property deals and in other forms during the past two years. Whether this would have the effect of heading off Republican demands for military aid is not certain.

These sources asserted that their analysis of the Congressional sentiment on China aid disclose that although there are a number of vociferous Republican proponents of increased aid to Nanking the general economy sentiment of the majority of Congressmen may be judged by their approach to China aid plans. They said they believed that when a showdown came there would be no general disposition amongst Congressmen to go further than the present Administration programme envisaged.

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Commenting on reports that the Chinese might come up with a plan for indirect attack on the currency problem which would envisage a United States loan to put at the disposal of a Chinese foreign exchange equalisation committee in Shanghai instead of being devoted to specific purposes of bolstering the currency, the sources said this would not be considered any more

Consolidation Of Soviet Bloc In Europe Promised

Paris, Feb. 29.—New steps towards the consolidation of the Russian bloc of Eastern European states were promised by M. Vladimir Clementis, the Czechoslovak Deputy Foreign Minister, in a message today to L'Humanité, the French Communist newspaper.

M. Clementis stated: "We have the intention within the next few weeks of completing our system of alliance by signing treaties, particularly with Bulgaria and Rumania.

"Nothing has changed our desire to collaborate with the Western States by concluding bilateral agreements with them in the realm of national sovereignty."

Of future events in Czechoslovakia, M. Clementis said: "The new system will not cause any fundamental changes. The new Gottwald Cabinet will realise, as rapidly as possible, the programme which planned and whose realisation was confined to it by the last elections.

"We will continue with these free elections, which will take place on a date to be fixed by the law.

"In the domain of exterior policy, we will continue to rely on our treaties of alliance, which have been directed against the possibility of a renaissance of Germany or of any of Germany's allies, no matter who they may be."

Mosley's Men Howled Down

Meeting Broken Up

London, Feb. 29.—Police tonight dispersed in a North London meeting called by supporters of the new Union Movement organised by Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists.

Five arrests were made.

The meeting, which was to have been inaugurated an electioneering campaign in support of Union Movement candidates to be nominated for local council elections, only lasted 10 minutes. Mounted and foot police dispersed.

The audience, consisting mainly of young Jews, allowed the meeting to open. But a few minutes later, there was a cry of "Down with the Fascists" and the crowd surged forward, smashed notice-boards and threw up pamphlets.

When the police formed a cordon around the organisers and the crowd chanted "Close the meeting," one of the organisers called: "See what is happening in Czechoslovakia, and the crowd surged forward again.

He and his Minister of Agriculture, Julius Duris, presented the new Communist-led government's plans for agricultural reform at a meeting in Wenceslas Square.

Duris outlined a 10-point programme of land reform. It included subsidies for farmers to be taken from the yield of profitable industries and large loans to help farmers and their wives mechanise their farms and homes.

Gottwald called upon the farmers to produce more food so Czechoslovakia could fulfil her two-year plan for industrial development.—Associated Press.

He urged his hearers to "hasten the accession of the Italy of the French People to power in France by demanding the dissolution of the present National Assembly and the elimination of the Third Force (the grouping of Centrist parties), which has taken the wrong road."

Reuter.

GOTTLAWD'S PROMISE

Prague, Feb. 29.—Premier Klement Gottwald today promised the nation's farmers ownership of up to 120 acres of the land they cultivate, but said Czechoslovakia will not adopt the Soviet system of collective farms.

He and his Minister of Agriculture, Julius Duris, presented the new Communist-led government's plans for agricultural reform at a meeting in Wenceslas Square.

To counter the "Soviet expansion" which threatened the world's peace, he suggested the inauguration of a European federation capable of re-establishing prosperity and creating a strategically solid bloc.

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HUNGARIAN FUSION

Budapest, Feb. 29.—M. Gyorgy Szakasits, the Hungarian Socialist leader, who hitherto opposed a fusion of the Hungarian Communists and the Social Democratic parties, today announced in an editorial in the newspaper Nepszava that a fusion of the two parties would take place at the Social Democratic Party Congress starting on March 6.

Reuter.

U.S. Plan To Admit 100,000 European Refugees Into Country

Washington, Feb. 29.—The admission of 100,000 European refugees into the United States over a two-year period, starting on July 1 this year, is recommended by a majority report of a five-man United States Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, due to be published tomorrow.

The plan may be changed before the full committee submits its recommendations to the Senate.

A copy of the report, handed to newspapermen today, showed that two members, Senators John Cooper (Republican of Kentucky) and Howard McGrath (Democrat of Rhode Island) disagreed with Senator McGrath's view that with that of the majority.

Their report said it was estimated

that there were 1,323,310 displaced persons and refugees in Germany, Austria and Italy at present.

Senator McMahon (Democrat of Connecticut) who is not a member of the Judiciary committee, commented today that he was more sympathetic with Senator McGrath's view than with that of the majority.

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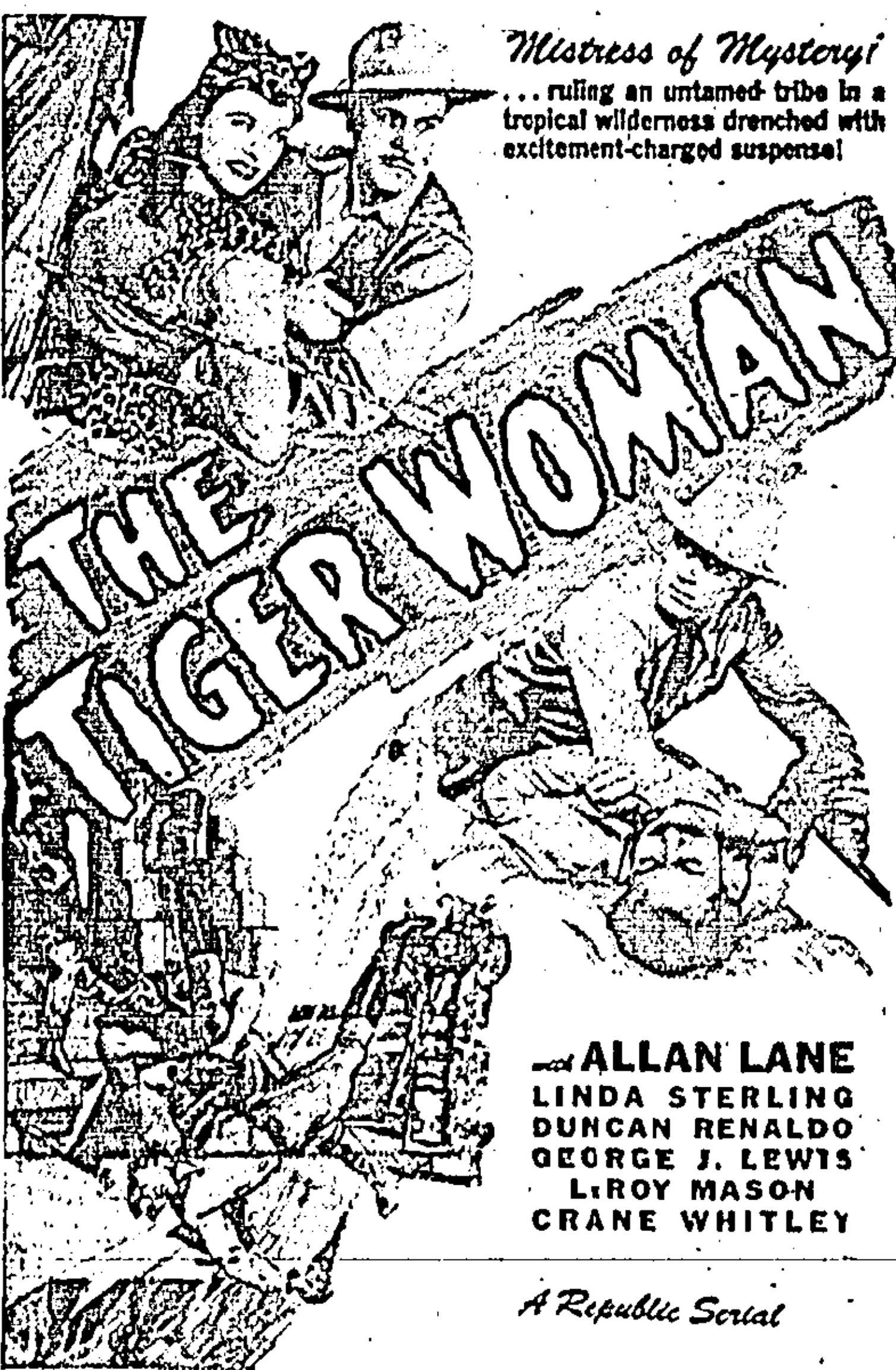
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HONGKONG AN OASIS OF PROSPERITY

HONGKONG is to be the Far East very much what Switzerland is to Europe—a little oasis of prosperity and stability in a largely chaotic continent.

Its shops are full of consumer goods; its currency, the Hongkong dollar, amid the vast inflation of China, is stable and everywhere acceptable, circulating throughout South China, where it provides the most satisfactory, and often the only reliable, means of exchange.

On this barren rock, which British enterprise and administration have transformed into a thriving port, law and order prevail when all around there is lawlessness and civil strife.

There is a police force whose higher ranks, at any rate, are beyond suspicion of corruption, and Civil Service which since VJ-Day has coped vigorously and competently with the problems of reconstruction.

The prices of necessities are effectively controlled, and the destruction of property due to the war, to the Japanese occupation, and, perhaps most of all, to an orgy of Chinese looting which followed Japan's collapse, is in process of being made good.

Cars to Nylons

IN YESTERDAY from the most expensive motor-car to nylon stockings can be freely bought. Food in the hotels and restaurants is lavish, varied and by contemporary standards not expensive. Housing is desperately short, both for Europeans and Asiatics, partly in consequence of the unending influx of refugees from China. There are no signs of malnutrition. The harbour is full of shipping, and business of every sort is thriving.

If such conditions seem particularly impressive, it is by contrast with China, which is rapidly falling into a condition of irretrievable disorder and misery.

A long-drawn-out war with Japan and a civil war which shows no signs of abating have effectively wrecked the national economy. Nor has the National Government given any indication of being able to deal with this situation. The present tendency is for it to decline in prestige, in competence and, unhappily, in reputation for integrity. American dollars may suffice to keep it in existence, but can scarcely revive its sinking fortunes.

With covert Russian aid the Chinese Communists are expected to get control of Manchuria, and perhaps extend their influence to the Yellow River, before this year is out.

Heavy Immigration

IT is not surprising, in these circumstances, that there has been, and continues to be, heavy Chinese immigration into Hongkong. Under the Japanese occupation its population declined to about 500,000, but has subsequently been increased by the influx of at least a million refugees from the mainland.

The greater part of these refugees have been starving and landless peasants, victims of the civil war, but they have included some thousands of middle-class and wealthy Chinese seeking security from political instability and persecution and the possibility of investing their money without fear of currency depreciation or excessive taxation and levies amounting to confiscation.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

Left over

MME. ZAPHROMA, who can tear a pack of wolves in two with her bare hands, balance a helicopter on her chest, and stun a rhinoceros with one backblow from her elbow, pleaded that she was only a weak little unprotected woman when the secret police accused her of forecasting the weather by ill-temper. It was this incident which led to popular demonstrations of protest to a British visitor that the colony's present state should compare so favourably with conditions elsewhere. Hongkong has been described as Britain's shop window in the Far East. Never in its history has it shown up to better advantage than today.

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La Zaphroma in action

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Commercially the colony is thriving as it has never thrived before. In the years before the war it was losing trade to Shanghai. Now it is the other way, and Shanghai's trade is moving to Hongkong.

Shanghai, indeed, since Japan's defeat, has been reduced to a melancholy condition of commercial stagnation, municipal incompetence, and corruption, and financial ruin.

The very streets are left unswept; and with the Chinese national dollar reaching fantastic levels of inflation, smuggling rampant, and the Chinese authorities seeking to impede rather than promote foreign commercial activities, normal trading has become difficult, if not impossible.

It is not surprising, in these circumstances, that the commercial community in Shanghai, Chinese as well as European, should look with envy at Hongkong.

They see there, under British administration, the requisite conditions for carrying on trade—a stable currency, port facilities unimpeded by unnecessary controls, and just laws justly administered. These conditions have enabled Hongkong to be prosperous when most of the rest of the world, and particularly the Far East, is in a state of economic confusion.

Confidence

EVEN American-occupied Japan finds in Hongkong the most convenient outlet for its slowly reviving production, as well as a useful market for the purchase of essential raw materials imported into the colony from other sterling areas.

Travelling about the Far East today it is impossible to resist the conclusion that the benefits of British administration, as exemplified in a colony like Hongkong, are more appreciated, and for that matter more needed, than ever before.

If the movement of people and of property be taken as an indication of where confidence lies, then there is more confidence in the future of Hongkong and Singapore, the remnants of Great Britain's once mighty Colonial Empire in Asia, than ever before. The banks are embarrassed by the funds which pour into them for investment, and the authorities by the immigrants for whom they must provide.

Shop Window

IT is an ironical circumstance, which future historians are likely to note, that as the area of British influence has contracted in the Far East so the pressure of population and investment capital on those places where it is still operative has intensified.

The probability is that, if the Nanking Government had been less preoccupied with domestic conflict and the problem of reoccupying Manchuria when the war ended, a resolute attempt would have been made to prevent Hongkong reverting to its former status as a British colony.

To judge by its action in other directions the British Government would have been little inclined to resist such an attempt. In that case Hongkong would quickly have fallen into the same melancholy condition as Shanghai.

The Chinese Press is bitterly hostile to a continuance of British administration in Hongkong, and in that undoubtedly reflects the sentiments of the Nanking Government. Within the colony an agitation is being vigorously conducted in the same sense.

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"I told you he stopped between floors if he doesn't get tipped!"

CULTURAL NEWSLETTER:

WAGNERIAN OPERA RE-ESTABLISHED IN LONDON

— BY R. G. WEETLOCK

LONDON, Feb. 25. WAGNERIAN opera definitely re-established itself in London last week with production of *Tristan and Isolde* at Covent Garden Opera House, Kirsten Flagstad singing the part of Isolde.

A start had been made with the Master-singers in January but the performance of *Tristan* in German was in many ways superior, and largely owing to Mme. Flagstad's brilliance, gave London its most exciting night of opera since before the war. Most critics were emphatic in their praise, the only really cautious notice being written by Ernest Newman in the *Sunday Times*.

It was undoubtedly Mme. Flagstad's evening and it has been humorously suggested that instead of referring colloquially to the opera as *Tristan* we should in future call it *Isolde*. Her singing had a burnish that shed lustre on everything, a power that easily triumphed over the orchestra, especially conducted as it was by Karl Rankl.

Tristan was August Seider and although he looked the part and sang in cultivated style he was constantly overshadowed by his partner, Hans Hotter, proved magnificent Kurwenal and two English artists who earned conspicuous success were Constance Shaeckel, a resonant Brangano, and Norman Walker, a noble and dignified King Mark.

The performance on the whole was equal to the international standard of ten years ago and everyone is now eagerly looking forward to hearing Mme. Flagstad as Brunehilde in the *Valkyrie* next month.

New Plays

It has been busy and successful week also in the legitimate theatre. Perhaps the most remarkable play was the "Family Portrait" by two Americans, Lenore Coffee and W. Joyce Cowen, in which English actress Fay Compton gave a performance described by one critic as "one of major achievements of contemporary stage."

The family shown here is the family of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus of course does not appear on the stage, but the play shows us the reactions of his family to a career that ended on the cross. They are very ordinary, everyday bunch of people quite unaware for most part of Jesus' greatness, alternately elated at his success as a preacher, irritated that he is not there to help them in their carpentry business and, rather ashamed at his fate.

Another new play, "The Cockpit," by Bridget Roland, deals with mixed or group of displaced persons in Germany in 1945 and the dilemma of a British officer trying to dispatch them east and west. They are all quarrelling among themselves until there is sudden scare of bubonic plague, when they become co-operative in the face of the scheme of things."

It has been suggested that people influenced by charm and tranquillity of Lamb's writings live long. Several members of this Society are over 80 including Mr. Walter Farrow, the chairman, and Mr. Gilbert Coleridge who was 80 last week.

Lamb For Longevity

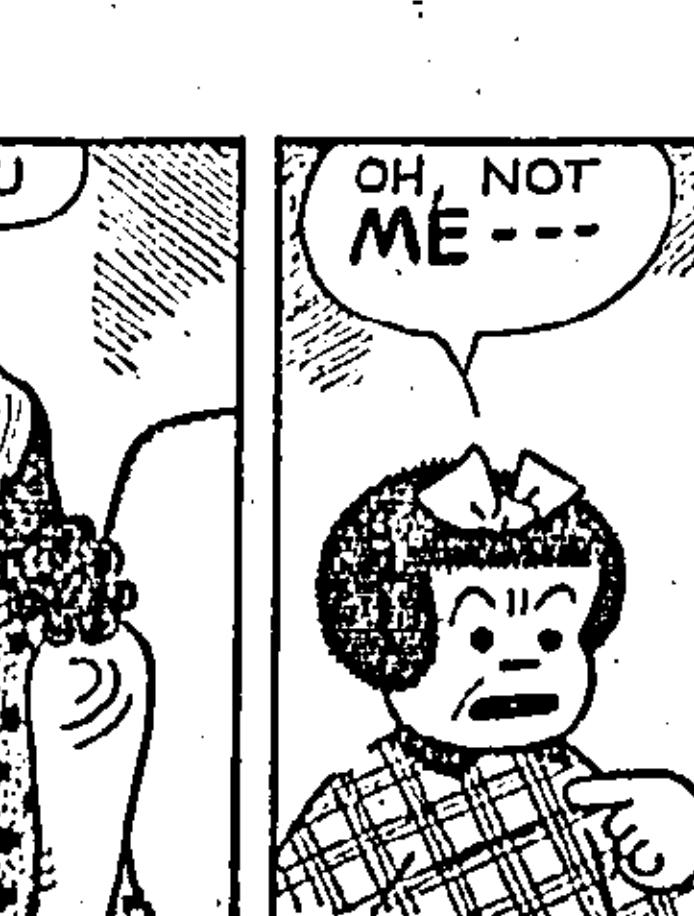
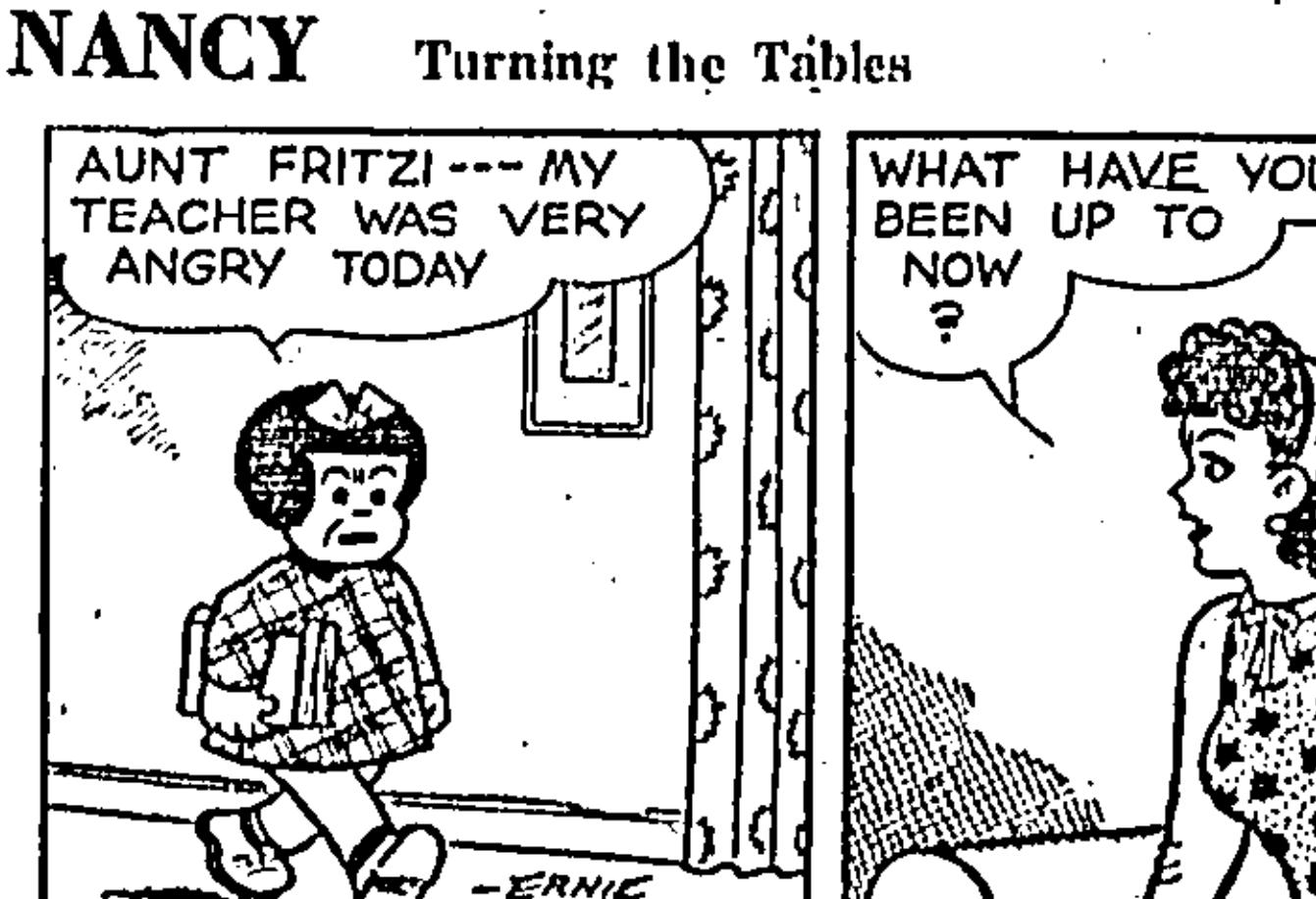
One of the best-loved figures in English literature is Charles Lamb, author of the Essays of Elia, and the annual birthday celebrations of the Charles Lamb Society last week had an appropriately friendly atmosphere.

Professor Basil Willey was the guest of honour and delivered the memorial lecture. He spoke of Lamb's lack of interest in politics—even the name of dredged Napoleon Bonaparte only provoked him to witicism—and recalled that when people argued in Lamb's presence about public affairs he felt like a boy among grown-ups. On the other hand it is Lamb's wit and gentleness that have endeared him to posterity, and Professor Willey remarked that "we need Lamb as a corrective to state of mind that insists on fitting everything into the scheme of things."

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NANCY Turning the Tables



By Ernie Bushmiller



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"Dear Lois Leeds—My pores are so noticeable, coarse and ugly. Although my skin is slightly oily it is never bumpy or blotchy. How can I refine my skin?" —CLAIR."

First, think about your diet. Eat vegetables and fruit, drink milk, and get out in the air as much as possible. Cleanse your skin as well as liquefied cleansing cream as well as soap and water. Purchase a pore cream and use it every night. The astringent quality of pore cream may set those pores to work in a more normal way and the more they work the more "refined" they become. A packing once a week with an astringent lotion is also recommended.

5-Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



When you have to make a Quick Change, take a facial cocktail. It will pep you up and put a glow in your cheeks and a sparkle in your eye! Soap your face thoroughly. Massage in the suds. Then rinse with cold water until your cheeks tingle. A dab of foundation cream, generous powdering and—you are on your way!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"It was the funniest party ever—you should have seen the look on your boss's face when you pushed him into that fountain!"

"Painless" Dentist Soon Thanks To War Advances

The trip to the dentist soon may be a less unpleasant experience. "The painless dentist," more or less, is here at last. Science has developed a way to eliminate the pain of the drill.

Dr Harold Hillenbrand, secretary of the American Dental Association, hailed progress in "pain control"—both in extractions and fillings—as one of the most significant of the wartime advances in dentistry.

The latest tool—which the war added to the kit of the "painless dentist"—is a diamond-tipped drill.

The old style drill, usually made of hard steel, generated heat which would react on the nerves of the teeth and cause pain. The diamond drill produces little heat. Hence, no pain.

Dr Hillenbrand said much progress had been made in local anaesthetics designed to deaden pain without endangering the patient. He said, however, the use of sodium pentothal is not yet advisable for the general dentist's chair, and this efficient drug should be administered only in hospital cases.

Solution Fails...

"Hartman's solution," which stirred up enthusiasm a few years ago, proved a disappointment. It was an anaesthetic which was applied directly to the tooth. It was supposed to deaden the tooth while the dentist pulled it or worked on a filling. But the solution evaporated too quickly and lost its effectiveness.

Dr Hillenbrand said children should be taught not to fear the dentist. He recommended that the child's first visit to the dentist's office should be made with a parent who is to have work done. That should be done, when the child is about two years old.

It is a simple application of practical psychology, and the child may learn there is nothing to fear.



NYLONS IN PLENTY

By Eileen Ascroft

London, Feb. 18.

FOR a long time now the women of this country have been waiting for nylons; and for a long time now the Board of Trade have been telling them that plenty of British nylons would be on the market.

The waiting-time is nearly over. This summer an £8,000,000 factory for making nylons will open at Mamblad, a village in the Monmouthshire coalfield near Pontypool. The factory is almost complete; it covers 100 acres of ground, and it is to turn out yarn enough for millions of pairs of stockings.

The nylon factory is the biggest free-enterprise project in South Wales. It is being financed by Imperial Chemicals and Courtaulds for their joint offshoot firm, British Nylon Spinners Ltd. It will employ 1700 men and 300 women working in three shifts; 70 men have already been trained as foremen and charge hands, and are now engaged on experimental spinning.

Six Pairs Per Year

It is estimated that of the 20,000,000 women and girls in the country, 2½ millions would wear nylon or pure silk—fully-fashioned stockings if they could get them. Average life of a pair of nylons is three months.

The "working party" set up to advise the Board of Trade on the hosiery industry put women's needs at six pairs of nylons a year. Therefore, if potential demand is to be satisfied, at least 12,500,000 pairs per year must be produced for the home market.

At present manufacturers are permitted to export up to 100 percent of their nylon output. But so great will be the production of nylon yarn from the new factory that the home market will not be starved.

Women Barflies In America

America is becoming a nation of female barflies, an FBI official said.

Since 1941, 80,000 women have been convicted for drunkenness; 7,000 women were arrested for drunken driving; 8,000 women were arrested for other breaches of the liquor laws.

Said famous preacher Dr Warren Hastings: "God help us if the next generation follows in the footsteps of the debauchees of today."

"The day may come when we have to put bars on the windows of our homes to keep women who skip from leaping out."

A law to prohibit serving drinks to unescorted women at bars or within eight feet of bars was introduced by Assemblyman Drishan in the New York State Assembly recently.

No woman with any self-respect would frequent a bar alone, Drishan said.

He did not object to women drinking moderately at home, but they must be careful not to offend children.

THIS FIRE IS 159 NOT OUT

A home-fire has been kept burning continuously by a mountain family for 159 years.

"The Fire" was started with flint and steel in 1788 by a pioneer family in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

The responsibility of keeping it alight was passed on through succeeding generations.

An octogenarian couple, Mr and Mrs Alexander Owens, are the present fire tenders.

They have eight children, 22 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren to see that the fire remains burning after they die.

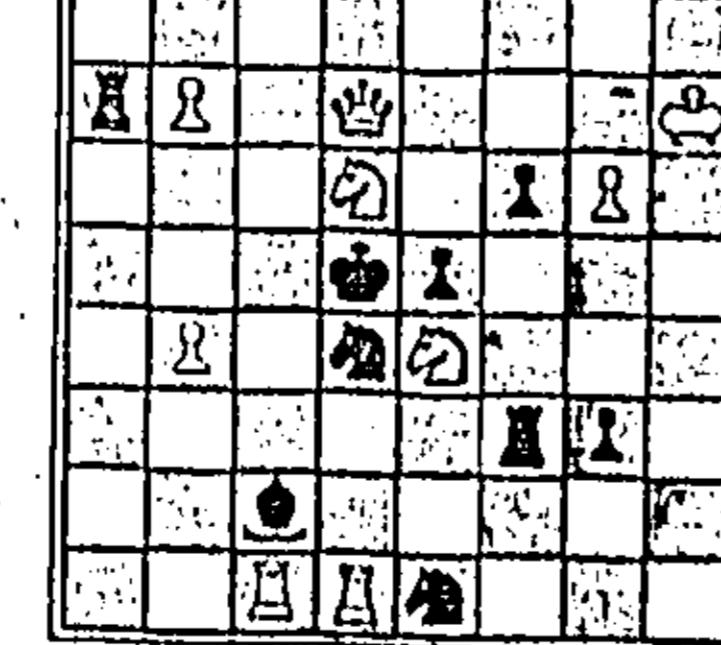
The fire has outlasted the original cabin where it was first set by Mrs. Owens' great-uncle, Thomas Dalton.

The present cabin, 125 years old, was built of hand-hewn oak logs, and the fire was carefully transferred to its hearth.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. C. Dutt

Black, 0 pieces



White to play and mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. QxQg, any; 2. Q, R, B, or P (ch, or dis ch) mate.

DUMB-BELLS

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THERE'S ONE
MORE IMPORTANT
THING I MUST
TELL YOU:
ALWAYS KEEP
YOUR EYE
ON THE BALL!
IS THAT
THE SORT OF
CLUB
I'VE
JOINED?



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Six Hearts Proves A Tight Squeeze

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

NOT long ago I had the pleasure of playing a game of bridge aboard the battleship "Missouri." My partner was Capt. Robert Dennison, who had just returned with President Truman from the Rio conference.

Although the captain is too busy to play much bridge, I have seldom seen a more enthusiastic player. We got a little overboard on today's hand, but that did not bother the captain a bit.

He lost the first trick to the nice of clubs, and when West came back with the queen of diamonds, Captain Dennison (North) won with the ace.

Dennison	♦ J 6 2
	♥ A K 10 8 6
	♦ A K
	♦ 6 4
	♣ K 7 2
	♦ Q J 10 8 5
	5
	♣ A 7 5 3 2
	N
	W E
	S
	Dealer
	♦ A 10 8 4 3
	♦ Q J 4
	♦ 4 2
	♦ K Q
	Rubber—Neither vul.
South	South
West	West
North	North
East	East
1 ♠ Pass	2 ♡ Pass
3 ♦ Pass	4 ♣ Pass
5 ♥ Pass	6 ♦ Pass
Opening—♦ J	8

Two rounds of hearts cleared the opponents of trumps, and after a little study, he led the jack of spades.

You know the old saying, "Cover an honour with an honour." East obligingly followed the rule and went up with the queen. The captain put on dummy's ace, looked anxiously at West, and sure enough West's singleton king dropped. Now of course he was able to spread the hand.

The captain said later that he figured he had about one chance in a thousand to make this hand. That is, if West held a singleton king or queen, and East made the mistake of covering the honour. It was that one chance in a thousand that paid off for Captain Dennison.

Being Studied

The photographs taken by the V2 are now being studied.

Some of the seven cameras took continuous photographs of the earth and the horizon right from the take-off until the rocket reached its zenith.

At maximum height the cameras and other recording instruments were automatically ejected and dropped by parachute.

Three other things the rocket was used for were: to measure the effect of ionized particles on radio and radar waves; to determine the height of voltage breakdown in electrical equipment; and to measure temperatures and pressures at great altitudes.

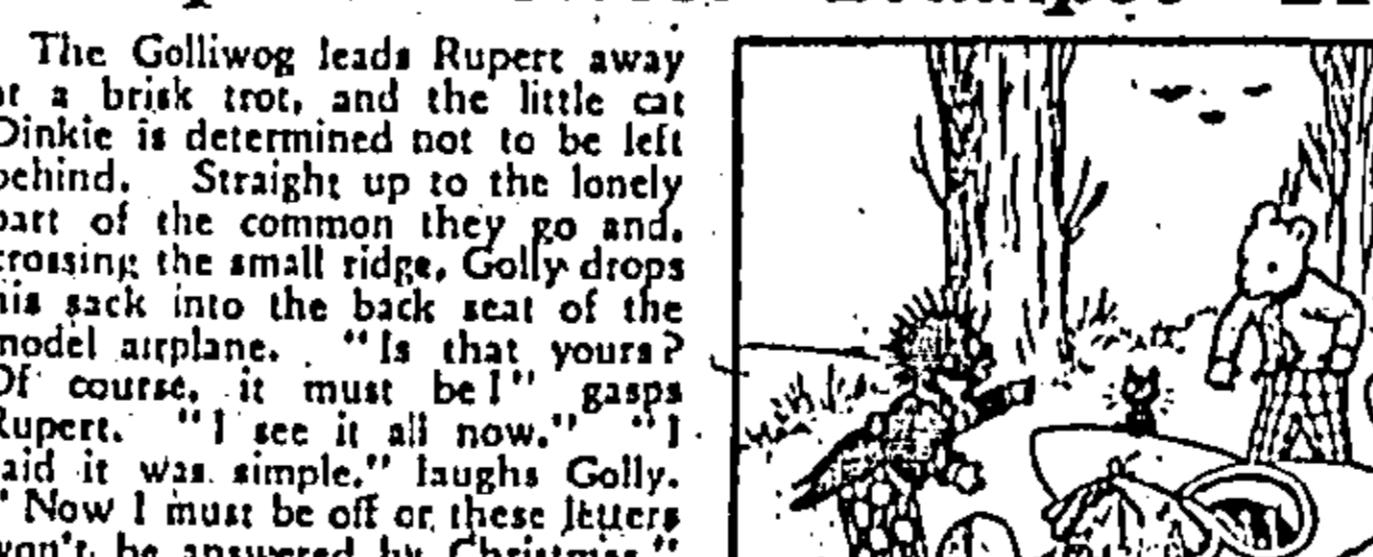
In a few months photographs will be taken at twice that height using the new "Neptune" rocket, now being built for the U.S. Navy by the Glenn Martin Aircraft Company. These are planned to reach 235 miles.

Answers on Page 4

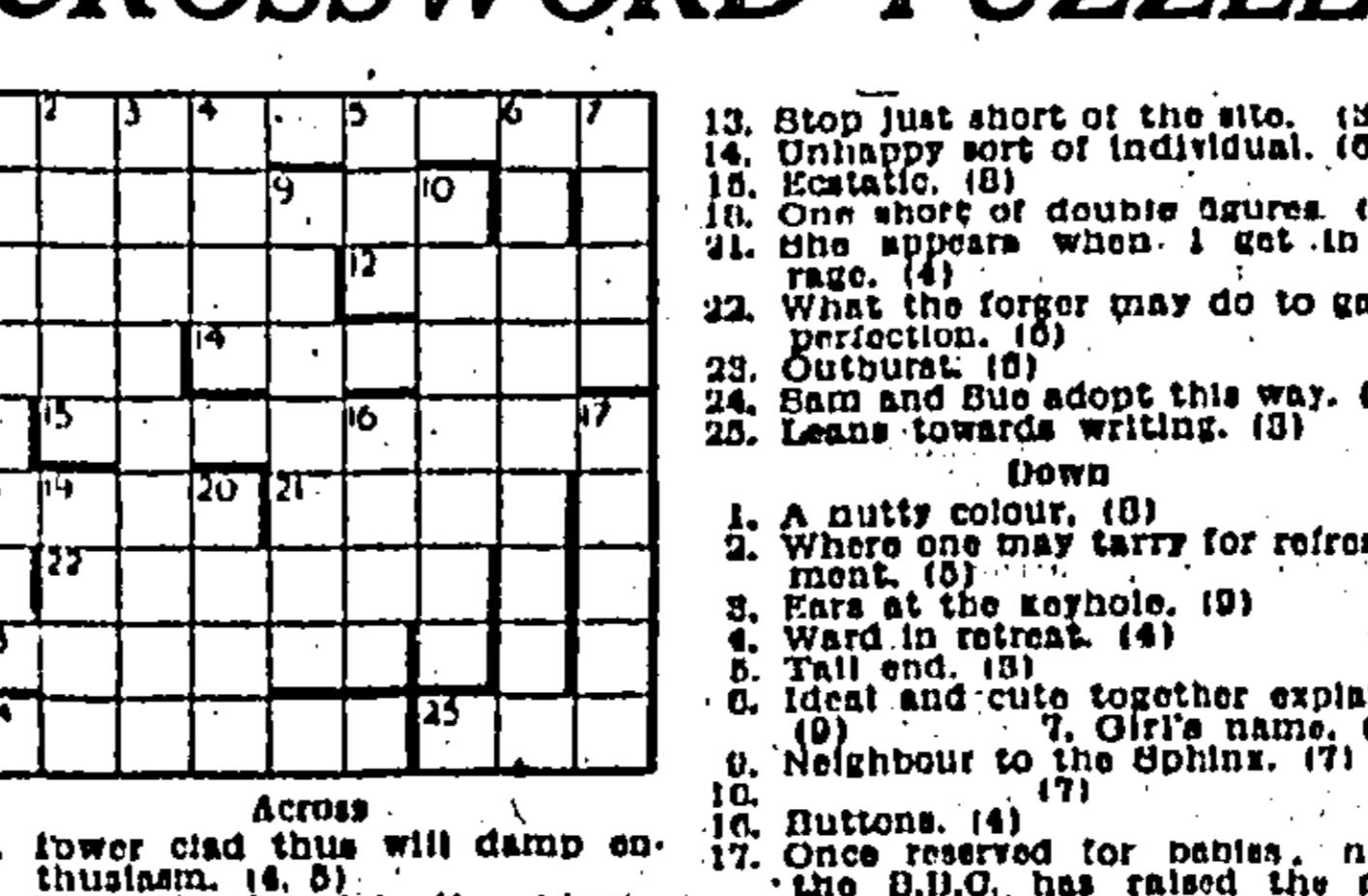
Check Your Knowledge

- Why do Swiss mountain guides often insist on absolute silence?
- The sinking of what vessel precipitated a war between the United States and Spain?
- Does an ostrich use its wings to fly?
- Is the Red Sea really red?
- Why are the eggs of birds that breed on rock ledges, without building nests, very pointed?
- Name the king of England who was succeeded by a son and two daughters.

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—14



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across: 1. Stop just short of the site. 13. A pretty colour. 18. Eccentric. 19. One short of double figures. 21. She appears when I get to a certain age. 22. What the forger may do to gain perfection. 23. Outburst. 24. Come and sue adopt this way. 25. Leans towards writing. Down: 1. A nutty colour. 2. Where one may tarry for refreshment. 3. Far at the keyhole. 4. Ward in retreat. 5. Tall end. 6. Model and cut together explain. 7. Girl's name. 8. Neighbour to the Sphinx. 11. Attempt. 12. Buttons. 13. The B.I.B.O. has raised the age limit. 14. Flower. 15. Feminine character. 16. Down: 1. Lower class who will damp enthusiasm. 2. One easily found in the shrubs. 3. A. 4. Oaf. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25.

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More than 10,000 people met death on U.S. roads during 1947, the result of poor lighting.

The overall road toll was 33,700 in 1946. Full 1947 figures will show a 10 percent increase, the Nat'l Safety Council estimates.

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ANTI-SOVIET LEAFLETS IN HELSINKI

Helsinki, Feb. 29.—Leaflets attacking Russia and Marshal Stalin, who has proposed a Russo-Finnish treaty of friendship and mutual military assistance, were being spread here today by an unknown organisation which the police are trying to track down.

The leaflets declared: "We are now independent in name only. Our vitally important concerns are being decided in Moscow. It is time to put an end to this underground game."

"The fate of Estonia suffered awaits all Finns, sooner or later. Stalin has not forgotten and will never forget his wartime promise: 'All Finns shall be exterminated from the face of the earth.'

"He began to carry out this promise in Estonia. Now your turn is coming."

The wildest rumours were circulating in the city today. One reported the Red flag had already been hoisted outside the Houses of Parliament.

In fact, it was the Soviet flag flying alongside the flags of other countries taking part in the world skating championships here.—Reuter.

Soviet Request

Helsinki, Feb. 29.—The Soviet Minister in Helsinki, Lt.-Gen. Savonkov, was tonight reported to have asked the Finnish authorities for a complete list of active officers of the Finnish Army.

There was no official confirmation of this, but it was understood that a communiqué might be issued later.

In Stockholm, observers believe that the Russian request indicated that the Soviets may press for the dismissal of anti-Soviet officers when negotiating for the proposed mutual assistance pact between the two countries.

After the armistice of 1944, a group of Army officers organised a secret force "against any foreign power trying to occupy Finland."—Reuter.

SAUDI ARABIA TO CANCEL OIL RIGHTS

Cairo, Mar. 1.—Saudi Arabia will cancel American oil concessions and order Americans out of the country immediately "when the Arab governments take a joint decision to cancel American concessions", Emir Feisal of Saudi Arabia told a Cairo newspaper yesterday.

Feisal, who is Foreign Minister of the oil-rich desert kingdom, discussed the situation arising from American support of Palestine partition in an interview with Al Misri's representative at the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah.

Oil is Saudi Arabia's only resource.

Alyan Bey El Solh, Premier of the Lebanon, told the Associated Press a few days ago that the Arab League has agreed to prevent the proposed American pipeline from Saudi Arabian oilfields to the Mediterranean from operating in any Arab state.

The Arab League comprises representatives of seven Arab governments.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAIIS

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Z.B.W. BROADCASTS

BBC: Hospital Request Half Hour, Presented by Ethel Holmes Brown; 6.30, A Welsh Programme; 7, London Relay; Weather Report; 8, Seven Stars Like What I Like; Presented by Peter Leavitt; 7.45, BBC Transcription Service; "Crump," by Horace Hodges. A Comedy, with Cyril Maude, in his original part; 8.45, BBC Transcription Service; "My Songs for You"; 9, London Relay; News; 9.15, Weather Report; 9.15, Studio: "Myself and I"; 10, Radio Luxembourg; 10.30, English "Circus"; 11, BBC: 10.45, London Relay; "The Arts Today"; 10, London Relay; Radio Newark; 10.15, "Something for Everybody"; 11, Close Down.

PLANE HIT BY FLARE

London, Feb. 29.—One engine of a Swiss Dakota aircraft, carrying 14 passengers from Zurich, was hit by a flare when coming in to land at fog-bound Northolt Airport in London today.

The pilot's prompt action in switching off the engine and landing on one engine prevented the possibility of fire breaking out. No one was hurt.

An official of the ground contact caravan, thinking the Dakota's undercarriage was going to hit the caravan roof, was said to have fired, the red flare which lodged itself in the port engine and narrowly missed the oilpipe.—Reuter.

CAPITAL OF THE YEMEN BESEIGED

Cairo, March 1.—Sanaa, capital of the Yemen, whose ruler, the Imam Yehia, was recently assassinated, is now "completely besieged" by forces of Prince Ahmed, the late Imam Yehia's eldest son, said Sayed Ali Al Munyad, Yemen representative in Cairo.

Ali Munyad said he had received a cable from Ahmed stating: "Sanaa besieged all directions. Majority of regular army joined us with full equipment. More regular troops still escaping from Sanaa and joining our forces."

Ali Munyad said the Yemen's regular army consists of 25,000 soldiers. He also said that Sayed El Islam Abdullah, another son of the late Imam Yehia and who is now in Paris, advised him that he is coming to Egypt.

Ali Munyad advised Azzam Pash, Secretary General of the Arab League of civil war in Yemen by cable to the vessel Farouk, now en route to the Yemen with an Arab League delegation hoping to mediate.

Ahmed has proclaimed himself Imam of Yemen and is opposing the government of Abdullah Bin Ahmed Al Wazir, who holds Sanaa.—Associated Press.

League Mission Leaves

Cairo, Feb. 29.—The advance party of the Arab League commission of inquiry into the reported Yemen fighting has left Sanaa, the mountain capital of the Yemen, for "security reasons," according to information reaching official quarters here.—Reuter.

GALES DRIVE SHIP ASHORE

Valetta, Malta, Feb. 29.—Tempestuous seas and gales of hurricane force, which almost brought the British Mediterranean Fleet to a standstill for three days during exercises, have driven a Newcastle merchantman, the Wallsend, aground at Cap Bon, on the northeastern tip of Tunisia.

The British cruiser Phoebe was standing by the Wallsend, whose crew was in no immediate danger.

The gale tonight continued unabated its fury. Members of the Eicasol lighthouse, at the entrance to Malta Grand Harbour, have been marooned for three days by the huge waves crashing astride the breakwater, which is the only contact with the mainland.

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New York, Feb. 29.—Marcel Cerdan, European middleweight champion, arrived from Paris today and he is looking past the March 12 fight with Laverne Ronch to a shot at Rocky Graziano in a championship bout.—United Press.

FLEET HOVES-TO

Two British troopships, the 20,174-tonne Franconia and the 19,118-tonne Arundel Castle, which reached Malta waters on Saturday, have not been able to enter the Grand Harbour owing to the high seas.

Slight damage was caused to units of the British Fleet which, encountering the gales and huge seas while exercising in the Western Mediterranean during the weekend, virtually had to for three days, a naval headquarters announcement said today.

The 9,717-tonne hospital ship Dorsetshire, on her way to Britain from Tobruk, has been ordered to drop the sail she was due to make at the island.—Reuter.

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Death Of Mr. A.M.L. Soares

One of Hongkong's best known Portuguese residents, Mr. Adno Maria de Loureiro Soares, died early this morning after a long illness. He was 69 years of age.

An unofficial Justice of the Peace, the late Mr. Soares was born in Hongkong. He retired from the firm of A. M. L. Soares and Co. some years ago.

A founder of the Club Lusitano, he was made a life member. He also founded the Sonres scholarship at the Hongkong University open to Portuguese students in the Colony.

He was a prominent race horse owner in his early days and raced regularly at the Hongkong Jockey Club for many years.

He leaves a family of three sons and three daughters.

The funeral will pass the Monumen

SOVIET MOVE IN FAR EAST SEEN LIKELY

London, Feb. 29.—The deterioration of the military situation of the Nanking Government forces in the Chinese civil war, combined with increasingly pessimistic American appreciations of the prospects of decisively checking the Chinese Communists in the military field, has led some observers here to speculate on the possibility of an imminent Soviet move in the Far East.

The long-standing deadlock among the great powers over the question of calling a Far Eastern peace conference, which threatens to exclude Russia from an effective voice in decisions affecting Japan, may, it is argued, have tempted Moscow to accelerate the extension of the Communist, and consequently of the Russian, hold on the Far Eastern mainland.—Reuter.

Division Of Europe

London, Feb. 29.—What are the real motives underlying the timing of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and the Soviet demand to Finland to prepare to conclude a military treaty of mutual assistance with the Soviet Union?

This is the most burning question of a week which, on both sides of the Iron curtain, has marked a new phase in the division of postwar Europe into two.

For many months, realistic observers here had regarded as inevitable the total communication of the regimes in these countries inside the Soviet sphere of influence where the now familiar process was still incomplete.

What has startled the world is that the Czechoslovak crisis should have been handled so brutally and so swiftly.

The pressure on Finland, announced immediately after the change of government in Prague, strengthens the impression that Moscow has decided that the urgency of consolidating her European strongholds beyond fear of political backsliding transcends any considerations of world opinion or Soviet relations with the other great powers.

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VETERAN'S PLUCK

Paris, Feb. 29.—Pedro Mares, the Spanish champion, had to battle hard against veteran Henri Cochet of France in the finals before he won the men's singles event in the French covered courts lawn tennis championships at Lyons today.

Cochet, one of the famous French musketeers' team of 20 years ago, beat Mares to five sets, the Spanish champion winning by 7-5, 6-4, 2-6, 2-6, 6-4.—Reuter.

SPORT SKATING

Helsinki, Feb. 29.—John Werker, of the United States, won the 1,500 metres event in two minutes 22.3 seconds when the world speed skating championships were concluded here today.

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Aborigines Of India Demand Own Province

Ranchi, Bihar, Feb. 29.—Thousands of Adibasis (aborigines), carrying lathis (batons) and bows and arrows, yesterday paraded through the streets of Ranchi, the summer capital of Bihar and former 14th Army rear base, shouting slogans and demanding a separate province of Adibasis.

The report said that in the east the Soviets are pressing on China, a special case where tactics are more varied and more resources are applicable than anywhere else.

It listed India, Indo-China, and Indonesia among countries reflecting increased Communist resources. It said: "Under the peripheral areas under Soviet control, the potential staging areas for an attack by which ever side controls them. In the Communist thinking, Germany and Japan have just this character. They are near enough and industrially strong enough to be capable for a dangerous scale attack. In either direction, if given time and opportunity and with the backing of either the United States or the Soviets. They therefore are hot squares on the chessboard."—United Press.

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